

25,000 WOMEN HELP RUN FRENCH LINES

Successfully Fill Many Railroad Positions Formerly Held by Men.

WORK MARVEL IN CROP

Not less than 25,000 women are working on the railroads of France, according to the *Harvard Age Gazette*. In an article under the title of "The Efficiency of French Women as Railway Workers," the women of France are praised for their adaptability to all sorts of employment. The assertion is made that for the women it would have been impossible to keep the French railroads running at the present high speed. "It is said in passing," says the article, "that publication 'that Europe has for a long time seen woman working as a manual laborer in the fields, as a fruit vender, a janitor, a grocer or as a railway crossing tender. It does not entertain any sense of duty, or of shame if you will, in seeing her work in a job which is watched her work from the standpoint of results. The laboring man even, feeling that her success meant lower wages and fewer places for him. Her work in the fields was such this year, however, that in France certainly it called forth the admiration and gratitude of the whole nation, for with less than a cultivated woman to the German nation she actually obtained a more abundant harvest than man had secured in past years."

Does Her Work With a Will.

A Frenchman who had travelled throughout the country and seen the women's wonderful work in the fields, said to me: "Would it not be a good thing to keep the men at war?" But for her active hands the munitions factories could not have been kept going at their high speed; but for her the entire postal system of the country would have broken down under the enormous strain resulting from the enormous free military correspondence. "Unparalleled by too much prosperity or by the standards of social and economic equality she works with a will and does her task down to the last detail. It is only in the highly specialized work of the railroads, however, that the real test of her abilities has come. There is to date in France no less than 25,000 women occupying such positions as railway guards, conductors, station masters, porters, carpenters, clerks, platform cleaners, or cleaners of cars and locomotives, and each woman sees this number increase as the men are taken out of the offices and put to work in the operating and also departments. Months ago the telephone service was practically abandoned, but recently the railway telegraph lines in the Paris station of the Paris-Lyon-Mediterranean railway were to be operated by women. In the south of France, on the Southern railway, women have replaced men as porters and freight handlers in large numbers."

On the State railways alone, but one of the six great systems of France, more than 2,000 women are already employed and they are on an equal footing with the men. While preference is given to the widows and daughters of employees, other women may enter the service after examination, and in the service they become entitled to pension in the sick benefits and pension funds of the men.

Women As Station Masters.

On this railway women are permitted to hold the position of station master and de facto at village stations. Here, too, some of the other systems, uniformed women also travel as attendants or porters on the express and other through trains, their work being partly to keep the first, second and third class cars clean during the journey. On the Paris-Orleans system women hold positions as station agents at some of the important small cities, attending to all the duties of ticket selling, checking baggage and handling freight.

This expansion of woman's work on the French railways has been so rapid that the French public does not realize its extent, or has not paused to notice, so greatly has the war absorbed attention and upset old notions of fitness. For all that the railway heads are closely studying woman's capabilities, as they find in the splendid effort to keep their roads going smoothly. Every day the war lasts the railway officers must use a little more ingenuity to make ends meet, they must make do with less material; they must adapt old material to new uses, and one of their main tasks is that of stretching the work of the decreasing amount of trained labor, putting women in places where men are not absolutely needed."

UNION PACIFIC MAY ENTER.

Jersey City Report of New Use for Pennsylvania Station.

It was reported in Jersey City yesterday that the Union Pacific would arrange with the Erie Railroad to use the Erie line to New York and that the two lines would use the Exchange place terminal of the Pennsylvania. While this was not confirmed, the Union Pacific's desire to get into New York and the Erie's desire for a new terminal in Jersey City are pointed to in support of the report. The Erie long ago outgrew its Paxonville avenue terminal. Every time there is an unusually high tide there is a foot of water in the waiting room and patrons have a hard time keeping dry while waiting for trains.

Those engaged in business or owning buildings in the lower end of Jersey City are awaiting with interest the completion of the tunnel. Everything has been abandoned in the vicinity of the terminal in Jersey City. The Pennsylvania abandoned its old terminal in Manhattan a few days ago.

FOUGHT GALE THIRTY HOURS.

Fishing Smack's Crew Without Sleep and Several Hurt.

A fishing smack, Drake, reached port here after a tiring experience in the Atlantic for the last two days. The crew was badly battered and beak-sailed, but the crew disappeared during port.

WOMAN NOT HER HUSBAND, OVERCOME BY GAS IN SAME ROOM.

PARSONS, N. J., Nov. 20.—Mrs. Julia Ball, 22, and Frank Kuron, 30, of Ringwood Manor, about whom nothing is known, were found overcome by gas in a room in a hotel at Market and Prince streets today.

Wife Says Husband MADE GUNMAN THREAT

Also Forced to Shovel Coal, Says Mrs. Scholes, Asking Separation.

Charging many acts of alleged "cruel and inhuman treatment," Mrs. Dorothy H. Scholes of 161 Clinton avenue, Brooklyn, has brought suit for separation from her husband, John A. Scholes of Mount Vernon, who, she asserts, is worth \$300,000 and has an income of more than \$10,000 a year. Supreme Court Justice Maddox yesterday awarded Mrs. Scholes \$100 a month alimony and \$250 counsel fee.

Mrs. Scholes begins her complaint by saying that before her marriage in November, 1908, when she was 19 years old, she was a student in the Lady Cliff Academy at Highland Falls, N. Y., and outlined in detail in time to lay them in schools and convents.

"In one plunge," adds the plaintiff, "I went from college girlhood to wifehood and motherhood, knowing nothing of what life was or the duties of wifehood or motherhood."

It appears from her affidavit that her mother tried in vain to "open her eyes and undeceive her," but she preferred to follow her husband's advice. Finally, on June 22 last, she went to her mother's home after suffering the following alleged cruelties:

Mr. Scholes would come home intoxicated about 3 A. M., and although he had a key would ring the doorbell and force her to come downstairs to open the door for him. On one occasion he locked her out for an hour, having muffled the bell. On another he stood guard over her while she put eight shovels of coal in the furnace. He also remarked, "I will fix you as Becker fixed Rosenthal and will get a gun for \$20 and fix it downtown."

Mr. Scholes makes a general denial of his wife's allegations. He says that he met her in the Catskills and that her mother invited him to her home. He declares that the difficulty between himself and wife is that she has "no idea of the value of money" and "insists on having two maids."

The couple have four children. The suit will be heard probably some time next month.

PHILADELPHIA OFF TO-MORROW

Liner, After Repairs, Will Take 765 to Europe.

The American liner Philadelphia, which has been at the Erie Basin for the past month for an overhauling, will sail at ten to-morrow for Liverpool. Among her passengers will be Alfred Butt, a Cecil Lipton, Glyn Osler, H. W. Dryden, Herbert C. Work, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Senecour, Gordon Curdall, I. P. Hollmuth, Henry Morgenstern, Jr., and William Olney.

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The passenger list totals 765, of whom 165 are in the first cabin, 200 in the second and 400 in the steerage.

British Sailors Rescued.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Six sailors of the British schooner H. S. M. were rescued in a sixty mile gale off Swanscott, Mass., by the crew of the Nahant coast guard station last night, according to a despatch to coast guard headquarters today. The schooner has gone aground.

DEER KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Raced Half Mile With Express Near Brewster, N. Y.

COLD SPRING, N. Y., Nov. 20.—A large deer, after racing with a Harlem express train between Brewster and Croton Falls for a half a mile to-day, was struck by the locomotive and killed. Blocked by the freight train on one side, it leaped in front of the express engine. It was hurled several feet into the air and fell impaled on the picket

of a fence. The deer was one of a herd of six that has roamed through Putnam and northern Westchester counties since escaping from game preserve last year.

Winslow to Represent Navy.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Secretary Daniels has designated Admiral Cameron McR. Winslow, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, to act as the representative of the Navy Department at the San Francisco Exposition on Navy Day, November 22. Admiral Winslow is authorized to accept for the navy a medal to be presented by the exposition authorities.

DR. E. E. MEYERS SUES HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW

Throat Specialist Asks \$100,000 for Alienation of His Wife.

IS SHADOWED, HE SAYS

Dr. Edward E. Meyers of 228 West End avenue, member of the faculty of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and one of the best known nose and throat specialists in New York, filed suit in the Supreme Court yesterday for \$100,000 damages against his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sally Kahn, of Dallas, Tex., for alienating the affections of his wife, Mrs. Blanche Meyers.

The filing of the suit was the first intimation to many acquaintances, and even to personal friends of Dr. and Mrs. Meyers, that their matrimonial career, which began with a fashionable wedding at the St. Regis Hotel in June, 1914, had ended unhappily. Mrs. Meyers, whose father, Meyer Kahn, is a wealthy merchant and banker of Dallas, left her husband on November 10 last and went home, with the intention of remaining there.

Dr. Meyers alleges that his mother-in-law began scheming last July to get her daughter to desert him and return home, and continued until her efforts were successful. He says that one of the means employed was to speak disparagingly of him. He says that among the statements made by Mrs. Kahn to her daughter were the following:

"He is a pauper and a beggar. I want you to get a divorce from him and come back to Texas."

"I want you to marry the man in Texas whom you know better for you met the doctor. He is fussy and thinks more of his stomach than he does of you."

"You would be better off if the doctor's mother was dead."

"I will have your father come to New York and get you a divorce from the doctor."

"I don't want you to live with him any longer. He is no good."

Dr. Meyers alleges that the statements were false, and that they were spoken to "belittle, demean and degrade him."

He says he has been under surveillance constantly since last July. Mrs. Meyers will be 25 years old in January. Her father is head of a chain of stores in Texas and Oklahoma and has a large interest in a Texas oil company.

Dr. Meyers is about fifteen years his wife's senior, and has been assistant surgeon in the department of otology and rhinology at Columbia for six years. For the same period he has been assistant surgeon in the department of otology and rhinology at the New York Polytechnic Medical School. He is a member of all the leading medical societies.

BOY PROBLEM UNDER STUDY.

McAnehy Calls Conference for Tomorrow to Discuss Plans.

Anti-Mayor McAnehy has invited representative citizens to meet him at his office to-morrow afternoon to discuss the boy problem, especially from the point of view that the Boy Scouts of America offer for a particular opportunity to solve it.

In his letter of invitation to the citizens who are asked to confer Mr. McAnehy said that he is deeply impressed with the opportunities for advancement offered in planning for the recreational activities of the boys after he had conferred with Judge Franklin C. Hoyt, presiding Justice of the Children's Court; Judge Robert J. Wilkin of the Brooklyn Children's Court; Dr. C. Ward Crampton, director of physical training in the public schools; Gen. George W. Wingate, president of the Public Schools Athletic League, and others representing the educational and other interests affecting boy life in this city. Mr. McAnehy has decided to support any effort that will give fair consideration to these plans.

The conference to-morrow will be held at 3:30 o'clock. It is expected that President Thomas W. Churchill of the Board of Education will be present, and it is hoped to start a movement which will result eventually in the introduction of the Boy Scout movement into the public schools.

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Full flare model of Real Hudson Seal (dyed muskrat), high chin collar of Skunk, cuffs of Seal. **Special 95.00**

Hudson Seal Coats

Skunk Border and Collar.

Ripple flare model of Real Hudson Seal (dyed muskrat), high chin collar and border of Skunk. **Special 135.00**

Hudson Seal Coats

Deep Border of Skunk or Beaver.

Full ripple belted model of Hudson Seal (dyed muskrat), double border and collar of Skunk or wide border and collar of Beaver. **Special 215.00**

Franklin Simon & Co. will hold a Special Sale Monday

Women's Chiffon Velvet Evening Wraps in rose, blue, green, purple, turquoise or white; yoke forms drop shoulder sleeves; Alaska Opossum fur collar **37.50** and cuffs; plait at side, back trimmed with four buttons; soft silk lining. **Heretofore \$59.50**

Women's Fur Trimmed Suits

New Models of Wool Velour, Hudson Seal Trimmed

Hudson Seal Trimmed Suits

Copies of Cheruit, Georgette and Bernard models, of Wool Velour in navy, brown, green or black, trimmed with Hudson Seal. **Special 39.50**

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Copies of Callot, Paquin and Doeillet models, of Wool Velour in navy, brown, green or black, trimmed with Hudson Seal. **Special 59.50**

Afternoon and Evening Gowns

Of Chiffon Velvet or Satin d'Amour

Chiffon Velvet Gowns

Fur trimmed Skating Gown of Chiffon Velvet in rose, Copen, gray, green or black; gold embroidered, fur collar and band on skirt. **Special 39.50**

Silver Emb'd Evening Gowns

Of Silver Embroidered Satin d'Amour in rose, gold, azure or white, bodice of silver mesh lace with silver galleons and silver flowers. **Special 69.50**

Women's Lace and Net Waists

Cream Maline Lace Waists

Waist of cream maline lace made over Flesh Georgette Crepe, Medici collar, vestee and full on sleeves of plain silk net, black satin ribbon tie. **Special 7.50**

Silk Shadow Lace Waists

Waist of Cream Silk Shadow Lace made over Flesh Chiffon with lower part accordion pleated, trimmed at top with band of iridescent spangles. **Special 11.50**

Misses' Fur Trimmed Suits and Coats

Misses' Fur Trimmed Suits

Of Wool Velour or Broadcloth.

In black, green, navy, wine or black, trimmed with Seal, Beaver, Natural Raccoon, Skunk Opossum or Mole Fur, latest model skirts. 14 to 20 years. **Special 29.50**

Misses' Fur Trimmed Suits

Of Wool Velour, Corduroy or Broadcloth.

Full flare or Russian belted models, muff or large roll collar of Civet, Natural Raccoon, Skunk Opossum, Alaska Opossum or Beaver Fur. 14 to 20 years. **Special 29.50**

Special Offerings Monday

Children's Angora Sweater Set

Sizes 2 to 6 years.

Sweater, Cap, Leggings and Mittens of Angora Wool, in Copenhagen, rose, tan, gray or white. **Special 4.50**

Small Children's Coats

Fur Trimmed—Silk Lined. Sizes 2 to 6 years.

Of broadcloth, corduroy or velveteen, in navy, brown, held mouse, green or delft; trimmed with Beaver, Skunk Opossum, Raccoon or Fitch Fur. **9.75** **Heretofore \$12.75 to \$15.75**

French Glace Kid Gloves

For Women and Misses.

One or two clasp Glace Kid Gloves in white, black, pearl, champagne or tan, plique sewn with three rows of heavy embroidery on back, in self, white or black. **Special 1.15**

Women's Evening Slippers

Plain or Beaded Slippers.

Of highest grade satin, all evening shades; imported bronze kid, or soft black kid, beaded. Of all patent or dull leathers. **Special 5.00**

Smart Winter Boots

For Women and Misses.

All gray buckskin, gray kid trimmings; Bronze kid, cloth tops to match; Tan Russia calf, champagne kid trimmings; all dark blue or soft black kid. **Special 7.00**

Pure Thread Silk Hosiery

For Women and Misses.

"Richelieu" ribbed, Paris clox, or plain Silk Hose, Black, white, gold, silver, bronze, gray, navy and all colors to match shoes, suits or gowns. **Special .85 3 pair for 2.50**

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